

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 31 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As in example 1, but the active material from comparative example 3 was washed with aqueous nitric acid. The resulting active material had the composition  $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.29}\text{Te}_{0.13}\text{Nb}_{0.13}\text{Pd}_{0.001}\text{O}_x$ . The associated X-ray diffraction pattern is shown in figure 7 ( $R = 0.74$ ).  $\text{BET} = 17.4 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ . It was applied in the same manner to the same support as in comparative example 1, so that a coated catalyst B3 comprising 20% by weight of active material resulted.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 26, line 44 and ending on page 27, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As in comparative example 1, except that the addition of the 5.60 g of nickel(II) nitrate hexahydrate was not carried out. The resulting active material had the composition  $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.33}\text{Te}_{0.16}\text{Nb}_{0.11}\text{O}_x$ . The associated X-ray diffraction pattern is shown in figure 16 ( $R = 0.26$ ).  $\text{BET} = 6.7 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ . It was applied in the same manner to the same support as in comparative example 1, so that a coated catalyst VB8 comprising 20% by weight of active material resulted.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As in example 1, but the active material from comparative example 8 was washed with aqueous nitric acid. The resulting active material had the composition  $\text{Mo}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.29}\text{Te}_{0.13}\text{Nb}_{0.13}\text{O}_x$ .

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The associated X-ray diffraction pattern is shown in figure 17 ( $R = 0.68$ ).  $BET = 26.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ . It was applied in the same manner to the same support as in comparative example 1, so that a coated catalyst  $[[VB8]]$  VB9 comprising 20% by weight of active material resulted.